GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PREVENTION OF BIRD FLU
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of birds culled out in the country during the last one year and the current year to prevent spread of Bird-Flu,State-wise;

(b) the compensation paid/proposed to be paid to the families affected by the said culling out of birds;

(c) whether steps have been taken to initiate intensive research on the causes for spread, prevention and treatment of Bird Flu; and .

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof alongwith the allocation made for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b) Following is the State-wise position of birds culled to prevent spread of bird flu and compensation paid i{l last one year i.e. since 18.12.2007 to 17.12.2008.

SI. No	State	Birds culled (approx.) (Lakh)	Compensation paid (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	West Bengal	42.71	1232.00
2.	Tripura	1.92	71.00
3.	Assam	4.61	139.00
4.	Bihar	2.12	43.00
5.	Jharkhand	0.11	0.56

(c)&(d): The High Security Animal Disease Laboratory (HSADL),Bhopal,National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune and Eastern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ERDDL), Kolkata are engaged in research into various aspects of bird. flu as part of their normal activities. The World Bank-funded project on `Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza` provided for an amount ofRs.22.00 lakh for epidemiological survey.